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SERIAL ARSONIST SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS

Redding – A Shasta Lake City resident pleaded no contest to seven counts of arson on forest lands and was sentenced to 27 years in prison today. Mark Bishop, 42, was arrested on July 24, 2006 by the Arson Investigation Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) following an extensive investigation relating to arson fires occurring in northern Shasta County since 2005.

Local investigators from the CAL FIRE Shasta – Trinity Unit and the City of Redding Fire Department worked closely with the Shasta County District Attorney's Office to investigate and prosecute Bishop for this crime.

"There is a lot of tedious, time consuming work that goes into these investigations", said Jim Engel, an arson investigator with CAL FIRE. "It's worth the effort, though, when we can stop these arson fires from occurring. Californian's lives and property are already at significant risk from wildfire without these intentional fires adding to the threat."

Anyone with information relating to arson activity is encouraged to contact CAL FIRE at (800) 468-4408. Callers can remain anonymous.

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